Expansion of Delhi-Haridwar National Highway

†*362. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vehicles plying per day on Delhi-Haridwar National Highway No. 58;

(b) whether Government are considering to expand this highway into six lane in view of heavy traffic;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and

(d) by when the said work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI): (a) In terms of Passengers Car Units (PCUs) the traffic is around 25,000 to 50,000 PCUs per day.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal to expand the road to 6 lanes. However, for four laning of Meerut-Muzaffarnagar section of National Highway-58 under Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis, prequalification of entrepreneurs has been undertaken. The estimated cost of this project is Rs. 230 crores. Project preparation for widening of Muzaffarnagar-Haridwar section to 4 lane has also been taken up.

(d) It is too early to indicate the date of completion.

Clearance of nuclear power plants

*363. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the major nuclear power plants cleared by Government and by when these plants would be able to produce power;

(b) whether the power produced by nuclear plants in Tamil Nadu can satisfy the southern States through Southern Power Grid, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have received any complaints about the

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